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1. During the last week of June 1950, the military garrison at Strakonice (N50/Q49) was enlarged, and it now consists of an infantry battalion of unknown designation. The labor office in the town was taken over for the billeting of troops. The railroad station is under the constant guard of two soldiers, while inside the station both soldiers and SNB members make frequent document checks of travelers.
2. On 7 July 1950 at 2 p.m., a military train at the Breznice (N50/L42) railroad station was observed travelling toward Strakonice. The train consisted of a locomotive, two passenger cars, an unspecified number of covered freight cars, and three open freight cars. The two passenger cars, one of which was of German type, were loaded with officers. The covered freight cars carried men and horses, and the open cars six field kitchens. The men were armed with light infantry weapons.
3. On 7 July at about 10:30 p.m., a military convoy travelled the road between Javornik and Stachy (N50/Q37). It consisted of four military trucks, filled with personnel, and was led by motorcycles. The trucks moved with their blackout headlights on.
3. In Prague (051/L78) during the first week of July, there were several evidences of alerts. As of the last week of June 1950, military activity indicative of greater numbers of soldiers stationed in Prague had increased. The railroad stations in Prague are under close surveillance of two-men SNB teams who make random checks of personnel documents. Pankrac Prison has been placed under stronger guard with two SNB men policing the area up to 300 m from the prison wall and another pair, armed with submachine guns, policing up to 700 m from the wall.

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